

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electroluminescent device comprising a substrate and, adjacent to said substrate, a laminated body composed of an anode electrode directly on said substrate, an electroluminescent layer directly on said anode electrode, a cathode electrode and  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers directly on said cathode electrode, where  $n=0, 1, 2, 3 \dots \alpha$ , which transparent dielectric layers alternately have a high refractive index of  $n>1.7$  and a low refractive index of  $n\leq 1.7$ , and the transparent dielectric layer bordering on the cathode electrode has a high refractive index of  $n>1.7$ , whereby reflection of light emitted by the electroluminescent layer at the cathode electrode is reduced by the transparent dielectric layer and transmission of light through the cathode electrode is increased, wherein the

transparent layers having the high refractive index comprise a material selected from the group composed of ZnS and SnO<sub>2</sub>.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transparent layers having the low refractive index comprise a material selected from the group composed of SiO<sub>2</sub> and MgF<sub>2</sub>.

4. (Currently amended) An electroluminescent device comprising:  
a substrate;  
a first electrode formed on the substrate;  
an electroluminescent layer formed on the first electrode;  
a second electrode formed on the electroluminescent layer; and  
 $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers formed on the second electrode, where  $n=0, 1, 2, 3\dots\alpha$ , the transparent dielectric layers alternately having a high refractive index of  $n>1.7$  and a low refractive index of  $n\leq 1.7$ , wherein a first transparent

dielectric layer bordering on the second electrode has the high refractive index of  $n > 1.7$ , wherein the transparent layers having the high refractive index comprise a material selected from the group composed of ZnS and SnO<sub>2</sub>.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the transparent layers having the low refractive index comprise a material selected from the group composed of SiO<sub>2</sub> and MgF<sub>2</sub>.

7. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the first transparent dielectric layer is configured to reduce reflection of light generated by the electroluminescent layer at the second metallic electrode so that more light passes through the second electrode.

8. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are

configured to increase transmission of light generated in the electroluminescent layer through the second electrode.

9. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 8, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are configured to reduce transmission in a blue spectral region.

10. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are configured to reduce transmission in blue spectral region so that daylight contrast is increased.

11. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are configured to vary color of light emitted from the electroluminescent device.

12. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are configured to form a color filter.

13. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are configured to generate light having transmission peaks that lie in wavelength ranges of red, green and blue colors.

14. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are configured to reduce a width of a transmission peak of light emitted from the electroluminescent device.

15. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the electroluminescent layer is divided into a plurality of color pixels.

16. (Currently amended) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the second electrode comprises a first layer which borders on the electroluminescent layer and a second layer formed over the first layer, the first layer including an alkaline earth metal, and the second layer including aluminum, copper, silver or

gold.

17. (Currently amended) The electroluminescent device of claim 16, wherein the alkaline earth metal is calcium or barium.

18. (Currently amended) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, further comprising an only a single isolating layer situated between the substrate and the first electrode.